

“AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS”

1. (Currently Amended) A process to make a termite bait compacted composition ~~said process comprising~~ consisting essentially of the following steps:

(a) mixing alpha-cellulose, water, and a pesticide to form a mixture;
followed by

(b) compacting said mixture to a density greater than 1 gram per cubic
centimeter to form a compacted composition; followed by

(c) drying said compacted composition to remove at least a portion of said
water to produce voids in said compacted composition;

wherein the composition after step (c) have has from 60 to 99 weight percent
alpha-cellulose and 40 to 1 weight percent water based on the weight of said alpha-
cellulose and said water, and furthermore the composition after step (c) has from
0.0001 to 10 weight percent pesticide based on the weight of said alpha-cellulose, said
water, and said pesticide.

2. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 wherein the compacted
composition after step (c) comprising alpha-cellulose, water, and a pesticide, where
said composition is in the form of a briquette.

3. (Currently Amended) The composition produced after step (c) according to
claims 1 or 2 ~~A process comprising compacting a mixture that comprises alpha-~~
~~cellulose, water, and a pesticide, to form a compacted composition.~~

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A process ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of applying
a composition according to claim 3 ~~any of the compositions according to claims 1-2~~ to
the locus of ~~a pest~~ one or more termites in an amount effective to lower the number of
such termites ~~pests~~ in such locus.